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NERVE CELLS FROM NEURAL
STEM/PROGENITOR CELLS DERIVED
FROM IRIS TISSUE AND RETINAL NERVE
CELLS OBTAINED BY SAME METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group III, directed to claims 7-10, drawn to a method for producing retinal nerve cells by isolating and differentiating iris pigmented epithelial cells in a serum free culture medium, without traverse.

The afore-mentioned election is being made solely to comply with, and be fully responsive to, the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. The right to file one or more divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Additionally, Applicant reserves the right to pursue rejoinder of withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowable product claim.

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Early and favorable examination is requested.

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